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SUBJECT: COURTESY CALL ON FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

1. I CALLED ON NEWLY-DESIGNATED FIRST VICE PRESIDENT ABUL GASSIM THIS MORNING, SEPTEMBER 6, BOTH TO MAKE HIS ACQUAINTANCE AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON HIS RECENT APPOINTMENT. PRESS AND TELEVISION CAMERAS WERE PRESENT.

2. ABUL GASSIM WAS EXTREMELY FRIENDLY AND OUTGOING. HE RECALLED HIS TRIP TO THE UNITED STATES TWO MONTHS AGO WITH GREAT ENTHUSIASM AND IN CONSIDERABLE DETAIL. HE WAS IMPRESSED WITH WARM HOSPITALITY WHICH HE ENCOUNTERED AT EVERY STOP DURING HIS EXTENSIVE TRAVELS. HE EXPRESSED PLEASURE THAT SUDAN-US BUSINESS COUNCIL WOULD SOON COME INTO FULL OPERATIONS.

3. ON NIMEIRI'S AMNESTY AND INVITATION TO SELF-EXILED DISSIDENTS TO RETURN TO SUDAN, ABUL GASSIM DID NOT GO BEYOND WHAT HE HAS SAID IN PUBLIC. HE SAID IT WAS APPROPRIATE THAT SADIQ AL-MAHDI, A DESCENDANT OF SUDAN'NS MOST FAMOUS LEADER, SHOULD RETURN TO HIS COUNTRY. HE ALSO SAID THAT UNLIKE A NUMBER OF THEIR NEIGHBORGS, SUDANESES DID NOT LIKE TO BEAR GRUDGES AND PREFERRED TO SOLVE PROBLEMS BETWEEN THEMSELVES QUOTE IN A SUDANESE WAY UNQUOTE.

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4. I SAID IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR DEVELOPING RELATIONS, I EXPECTED WE WOULD HAVE MANY MORE SENIOR AMERICANS VISITING SUDAN IN THE MONTHS AHEAD AND I HOPED TO BRING THEM BY TO CALL ON HIM. HE REPLIED THAT HE WOULD BE MOST HAPPY TO RECEIVE ANY AMERICANS WE SUGGESTED.

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5. COMMENT: A THREAD THAT UNDERLAY THIS CONVERSATION AND WHICH I NOTED IN PRACTICALLY ALL OF MY FIRST ENCOUNTERS WITH SUDANESE OFFICIALS IS THEIR CONCENTRATION ON MAKING SUDAN WORK WITHIN ITS PRESENT BOUNDARIES AND WITH ITS MANY DIVERSE CULTURES. IT IS INTERESTING THAT THERE HAS BEEN PRACTICALLY NO REFERENCE TO SUDAN'S PLACE IN THE ARAB WORLD. RATHER, THE EMPHASIS HAS BEEN ON THE FACT THAT IF SUDAN MAKES A GO OF IT, IT WILL BE A SHINING EXPAMPLE TO THE REST OF AFRICA. BERGUS

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